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SUB: RCD SUMMIT MEETING IN IZMIR APRIL 21-22

1. IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY LEFT FOR TURKEY
APRIL 18 FOR RCD MEETING WITH TURKISH AND PAK COLLEAGUES
PRIOR TO SUMMIT. SHAH IS TO DEPART APRIL 21. KHALATBARY
IS ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
HOOSHANG BATMANGELIDJ AND CHIEF OF RCD AFFAIRS PARVIZ ADL.

2. MAIN PURPOSE OF KHALATBARY TRIP IS TO PARTICIPATE IN
SETTING AGENDA FOR SUMMIT MEETING, BUT HE MAY ALSO TAKE UP
WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS SUCH BILATERAL CONCERNS AS RECENT
INCREASE OF TRANSIT FEES. AS IS USUAL WHEN SHAH IS INVOLVED
IN MEETINGS, MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH RCD AFFAIRS HAVE
BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON IZMIR SUMMIT IN ANY DETAIL.

3. QUESTION OF EXPANSION OF RCD HAS BEEN VERY MUCH
ON PEOPLE'S MINDS, AND SHAH HAS TALKED TO BRITISH
AND AMERICAN VISITORS IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THIS
POSSIBILITY. IN RECENT INTERVIEW, RCD SECRETARY-GENERAL
AHMAD MINAI WAS ASKED IF COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA, NEPAL,
BANGLADESH, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN
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ORGANIZATION. HE PARRIED QUESTION BY SAYING NONE OF

THESE COUNTRIES HAD APPROACHED RCD ABOUT JOINING,
WHICH WOULD BE PROPER STEP. WHEN ASKED IF RCD HAD
MADE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF EXPANSION QUESTION HE SAID NO.
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